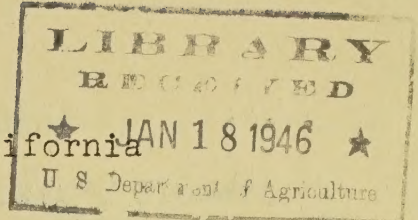


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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS:

We thank you for your inquiries and requests for catalogs, and in response are sending out this brief list of specialties. When the scarcity of labor and paper ceases we expect to issue an illustrated list again. This list supersedes previously published prices. Postal charges are included but very large bulbs and clumps will be sent express collect.

Some collectors' items which are not commercially profitable have been regretfully discontinued, but we are still raising a few choice novelties the numbers of which are strictly limited.

Winter and spring blooming bulbs are ready for delivery in early September, and will be listed in the first part of these pages. The second part will be devoted to those bulbs which bloom in summer and early fall, and which will be delivered according to maturity and danger of frost in transit, in late winter or early spring. Bletillas will be ready for delivery in late fall, also Chlidanthus & Galtonias.

ALSTROMERIAS: exceptionally useful cut flowers which self clean, last for two weeks in water; the new forms come in soft pastel colors, are of the easiest possible cultivation, bloom spring to summer and should be left to dry out until new growth starts. Plant where they can be left undisturbed since clumps increase in size and vigor with age and are very difficult to move after the first year in the seed bed. Sandy loam, plenty humus, sun or very light shade.

A. hookeri, pale pink dwarf variety, exquisite foliage. Rock gardens. 25¢ ea.

A. ligtu hybrids. Wide range of pastel tints, same form and habit as old chilensis but superior in every way. \$2.00 doz. 20¢ ea.

A. pelegrina "Lily of the Incas." Flowers rose, wide open like azaleas. Blooms early, and like the white form can be brought in for Easter. Both types of A. pelegrina have green lines on back of petals.

A. pelegrina alba. Both varieties same price. \$2.00 doz. 20¢ ea.

A. pulchra tricolor. Dwarf habit, fls. white with flush of light maroon. New and very dainty. \$2.00 doz. 20¢ ea.

A. violacea. Latest introduction from Chile. Fls. form of A. pelegrina, color true violet. Grows tall. Seeds only 50¢ pkt.

Seeds also of A. pulchra tricolor 50¢ pkt.

Seeds A. ligtu 25¢ pkt.

AMARCRINUM howardi. Blooms sporadically with foliage. \$2.00 ea.

BABIANA hybrids. Shades of blue, same culture and use as Freesias. 75¢ doz.

BLETILLA hyacinthina, and also the white form; charming terrestrial orchids which grow well among Cymbidiums or ferns.

75¢ ea. \$8.00 doz.

BREVOORTIA Ida-Maia (syn. coccinea) "Floral Fire-Cracker". Flowers tubular scarlet tipped with green. Blooms spring to summer, lasts well. Limited stock 75¢ doz.

BRODIAEAS: Californica, capitata, coronaria, ixioides, laxa. Recommended for naturalizing. Half-hardy. Excellent cut flowers in varying shades of blue except ixioides which is yellow. 75¢ doz.

BRUNSVIGIA hybrids.

Amaryllis belladonna parkeri, fls. late Aug. rose with clear white throat. 50¢ ea.

A. multiflora alba. Pure white with gold center. Very scarce. \$2.00 ea.

A. multiflora seedlings, pink or pink and white with very tall stems and many flowers in each head. \$1.00 ea.

Hathor, purest white of all this type of flower, petals of a rich, heavy texture. Limited supply. \$3.00 ea.

CALLAS: All best blooming size. Plant in warm place, in part shade when they show growth in spring. Being nearly tropical they resent cold wet winters so lift and store in dry warm place after maturity until time to plant.

ARUM sanctum (palestinum) Black, without disagreeable odor. \$4.50 doz. 50¢ ea.

Calla elliotiana: yellow Calla with handsome spotted foliage.

\$4.50 doz. 50¢ ea.

Calla rehmanni superba: an improved pink calla standing 24 in. with pale pink flowers and lovely foliage quite distinct from other callas. New. This is a truly exquisite flower and enchanting in arrangements.

Limited stock \$8.00 doz. 85¢ ea.

CRINUM powelli (pink) and C. powelli alba. Bloom tall with foliage. Mass well against a wall or at the back of a border. Extra large bulbs. \$1.00 ea.

DIERAMA pulcherrima. Evergreen plants ideal for pools or water-courses. Flowers on tall wand-like scapes wave pink bells with the lightest breeze. Plant in sun. Spring delivery best. Clumps, 50¢ ea.

EUCOMIS punctata. "The Pineapple Lily". Striking half-hardy Cape bulbs. Quantities of starry white flowers with purple centers on a raceme, the whole cluster being crowned by a leafy bract similar to the top knot of a pineapple. Easy culture in California and southern gardens; strikingly interesting and different for pots in colder climates. \$1.00 ea.

FERRARIA undulata. Half-hardy Cape bulb bearing one-day fls. in rapid succession. Fls. brown and green with very frilly edges, leaves very pale green stem clasping make it an unusual and ornamental subject. Sunny. 25¢ ea.

GLADIOLUS. We list only the species G. tristis var. concolor and hybrids of which it is one parent. They are very graceful in growth, free-flowering and exceptionally fine for cutting. G. tristis concolor is very fragrant after sun-down.

NERINE coruscans. Blooms late summer or early fall. Scarlet frilled fls. which glow in the sunlight. 75¢ ea.

PASITHEA cerulea. Chilean. Midnight blue fls. on tall stems, self-cleaning, 3-5 ft. Part shade. Tender. Unusual shade in the garden. Cuts well. Dormant in summer and must be grown cool. Spring flowering. \$2.00 doz. 25¢ ea.

SCILLA hyacinthoides. Racemes about 14 in. covered with small blue fls. and intensely blue stamens. Likes hot sunny situation. \$2.25 doz. 25¢ ea.

SPREKELIA formosissima. Fls. large, crimson, wasp-waisted, very showy. "Jacobean Lily". Large bulbs 35¢ ea.

STERNBERGIA lutea. "Fall-blooming Crocus". Clear yellow, several fls. to a bulb. Good in pots or border, likes dry sunny location. 2 for 35¢.

STREPTANTHERA CUPREA and various colored SPARAXIS, white, yellow, rose, and salmon have lived so happily together that they have crossed with resultant flowers which are an improvement on the parents. Since they will inevitably do this in your garden we have decided to mix them here and sell them as assorted bulbs for 75¢ a dozen. They naturalize easily in sunny corners where they can be reasonably dry in summer, and the new varieties of color and markings make them completely fascinating and brilliant additions to rock gardens, or drifts of color in the spring garden. \$5.00 a hundred.

STREPTANTHERA ELEGANS is a new one, hard to improve upon for lovers of white, - it has a kaleidoscopic eye in violet tones. \$1.25 doz.

TRITELEIA violacea. Hardy. Earliest bloomer in the year with a long season of bloom. Pale blue with deep violet markings. Naturalize in borders, rock gardens. 50¢ doz.

VELTHEIMIA viridifolia. Handsome Cape bulb which starts to grow in cool weather. Its foliage is an intense green, long with a marked wavy form which would make a good pot plant even without the flower which should be in bud for Christmas. The flowers are old rose, and tubular in form. Seed pods are also decorative. Grow in shade in mild climates, or under glass as potted plants in cold locations. \$6.00 doz. 60¢ ea.

WATSONIAS...EVERGREEN SPECIES. W. angusta red & scarlet; W. beatricis orange; W. wilmaniae shrimp pink; clumps. \$2.50 doz. 25¢ ea.
W. species not evergreen; W. ardernei, the best white, tall, early and W. marginata, very tall, orchid colored small blooms very compact, and fragrant. Both varieties. \$1.00 doz. 10¢ ea.

Australian hybrids, recommended as the finest of this flower group. Will flower in February if planted in September and watered continuously. Adelaide - clear pink with blushing throat.
Brighton - magenta
Caulfield - lavender pink

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MILLA biflora. Mexican summer-flowering bulb, flowers of waxy white texture striped with apple green on back. Dainty and striking, cuts well and of very easy culture. \$9.00 hundred. \$1.25 doz.

NERINE bowdeni. Blooms in fall, with large pink very much frilled fls. Good for cutting. 85¢ each.

N. filifolia. Evergreen, fall bloomer, small frilled pink fls. very dainty. A real find for naturalizing in rock gardens or edgings for beds. Leave undisturbed over a long period. \$1.00 doz.

SCHIZOSTYLIS. "Kaffir Lily" from S. Africa. Rhizomatous roots. Not hardy but in mild climates does well in the shade of oak trees or under lath. Blooms late summer and fall. Needs plenty of moisture. Delivery February to May.

S. Coccinea. A handsome plant with bright green leaves 15 to 20 inches high and 2 ft. spikes with 8 to 10 crimson-scarlet flowers $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches in diameter. Fine for cutting and very useful in the border because it blooms when other perennials are scarce. \$10.00 per H. \$1.25 per doz.

S. Mrs. Hegerty. Recent introduction from Ireland. Similar to coccinea in every respect except the color of the flowers. These are a true, clear pink, a color that is seldom found in the garden in the fall. \$10.00 per H. \$1.25 per doz.

